

Company No. 106 of the Chicago Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Over the last century, the firefighters of Engine Company No. 106 have shown an enduring commitment to community service and have worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe.

Fire-related fatalities in Chicago are at a 25 year-low, thanks to the life saving efforts of Chicago's firefighters and community outreach efforts by firefighters to schools, senior centers and neighborhood associations. Chicago's citizens are now better informed about how to prevent and handle emergency situations, and they view their local firehouse as an important and valuable resource in the neighborhood.

I have visited Engine Company No. 106 many times. This company has always epitomized the exemplary values of honor and protection that the Chicago Fire Department and the Maltese Cross have become known to symbolize. All too often we take for granted the heroic efforts of these dedicated public servants.

Fire Marshal and Chief of Brigade, James Horan originally established Engine Company No. 106 on December 31, 1906. As a part of the Fourth Fire Battalion of Chicago, the original firehouse was located at 2754 North Fairfield Avenue, near the intersection of Diversey and Fairfield Avenues.

The original members of the company roster included Captain Alexander Kopeto, Lieutenant Thomas Mulcahy, Engineer Henry Clohecy, Assistant Engineer Thomas Walsh, Pipemen Frank Mashek, Thomas Cavanaugh, Frank McDermott, and Thomas Hogan, and Drivers John Murphy and Thomas McCarthy. Today, Captain Kenneth Soo of Engine No. 106 and Captain Steven Kierys of Truck No. 13 continue this tradition of excellent service for our community.

This year's Grand Gala celebrating Engine Company No. 106, Truck No. 13, and Ambulance No. 48 will take place at the current firehouse location at 3401 North Elston Avenue. This will be a wonderful event that will memorialize this important anniversary: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the north side of Chicago and the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize the past and current firefighters of Engine No. 106 for their dedication and commitment to service. Moreover, I wish all the best for the future firefighters of Engine No. 106 and their families.

A TRIBUTE TO CPO ANDREW W.
DOYLE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Cadet Andrew W. Doyle for his promotion to Chief Petty Officer of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps. On May 14th, 2006, family and friends of CPO Doyle gathered on the Battleship *New Jersey* in Camden to celebrate this outstanding achievement.

During his more than three years of service, Andrew Doyle has exemplified what it is to be a leader. He has also demonstrated a deep patriotism that has propelled him to this elite

rank. Because of his dedication, ability, and significant contribution to the community, Andrew Doyle is truly an inspiration to U.S. Naval Sea Cadets everywhere, and to all citizens of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor CPO Andrew W. Doyle for his remarkable record of service and accomplishments. There is no doubt that CPO Doyle will be successful in whatever challenges he undertakes and will continue to serve as an inspiration to us all. I extend to him my heartfelt congratulations and I wish Chief Petty Officer Andrew W. Doyle the best of luck in his future.

HONORING CHARLOTTE QUANN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and community service of Charlotte Marie Peterson Quann, a courageous servant of the public good. A protector of battered women and children, an advocate for the poor, and a courageous woman in her personal life, Charlotte Quann always strove to lift up the disadvantaged and bring light to any situation with her great sense of humor. Her life is being celebrated following her passing on May 17, 2006.

Charlotte was born on December 5, 1934, the first of seven children. Charlotte grew up in Detroit and attended Detroit public schools, graduating from Northwestern High School at the young age of 16. Throughout her childhood, Charlotte was extremely precocious and motivated; she was active in the Urban League, YMCA speech and debate, ran for President of the school, and excelled academically. Unsurprisingly, her picture now sits in the Northwestern High School hall of fame.

Beyond her achievements, she also nurtured a sense of civic duty from a young age. Influenced by her father, a union organizer, she helped unionize Detroit's factory workers while still in high school. Because of her intelligence and political activism, she went to Washington and served as one of the youngest Congressional pages, working for Congressman JOHN CONYERS. Shortly thereafter, she attended Wayne State University.

Charlotte's energy and ambition continued, and she achieved great personal success. Charlotte became the first African American to work for Capital Airlines, which later became United Airlines, rising through the ranks of management. However, she was always cognizant of social and racial issues within the company. She became an important leader for African-Americans in the organization, serving as Secretary, Vice President, and eventually President of the United Airlines Black Professional Organization.

Beyond achieving professional success, she also sought personal success, and she worked to balance the different areas of her life. During this time, she started her family. After marrying Charles David Quann on June 7, 1958, she gave birth to three children, Steven, Warren, and Carla. All of her children have grown up to emulate Charlotte's compassion, generosity and community-mindedness. I have personally known Warren for many years, and have always held him in high re-

gard for his constant community advocacy and work for political change at the systemic level. He places the same high value on the well-being of others and of his community as his mother always did, and I am privileged to know and to have worked with someone as special as Warren.

In 1972, Charlotte transferred within United Airlines to San Francisco, which ultimately became one of the most important events in her life because all of the philanthropic work that she would do in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her passions in community service were wide ranging, but mostly she focused on underserved children, battered women, and impoverished families, and her record of charitable work is second to none. She served as the Chair of the Board for the Casa De Las Madres emergency residential shelter for battered women and children, for the Mary Elizabeth Inn residential shelter for battered women, for the Center Point drug treatment programs, and served on the board at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, becoming extremely involved there, with a particular focus on Glide's children's programs. She also grew involved with the ministry and represented Glide within the United Methodist Church and was an active member on the Commission on Race and Religion.

Charlotte was not only cherished by people for her service to the community, but also because her bright spirit served to lift up those around her. The good humor and optimism that Charlotte radiated could make any situation more bearable, and her love and desire to help others was cherished by all who knew her.

A champion of the underserved, a courageous citizen, and a loving mother and wife, Charlotte Quann, as her sister said, "lived well, loved much, and laughed often." On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I am proud to add my voice to the countless others who have united in appreciation of this outstanding individual, and I salute Charlotte Quann for her invaluable contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area, the United States, and to our world.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DANIEL
EDMONDSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Edmondson for his outstanding volunteer work and being awarded the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Daniel, an eighth-grader at Silvestri Junior High School in Las Vegas, has been teaching Taekwondo karate classes to young children for the past eight years. Daniel started taking Taekwondo lessons when he was just six years old. As a young child, he was so taken with the sport that he wanted to share it with others.

In order to become a junior instructor, Daniel had to train for two years, log 350 hours of volunteer service at the Taekwondo studio, and pass both physical and written tests. Daniel now leads classes, mentors young students, and helps them prepare for tournament competitions. Over the last several years,